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1. Oil production has noticeably increased during the last few months. This is due to new wells and new machinery, which have been put in besides those already in existence. The difference over previous production is reported at 13 percent but unfortunately it is not possible to give the period within which this change has taken place.
2. The regions of Walachia, Podeni-Băilei, the Moinești region and the Dâmbovița region (Trusts Nos. 5 and 6 of Târgoviște) are giving the best results. New wells are being put into operation every month, the total to date being about thirty. Under Sovrompetrol's arrangements, all pipelines now constructed in Rumania are underground. The most recent of these is the line connecting Golia with Valea Caselor. Another subterranean line is that of Siliștea, where there is a motor-compressor station.
3. Part of the Ploesti refinery has been taken down. On the other hand, the trust of Campina will be transferred to Ploesti. 25X1
4. Results in the Prahova Valley have not been satisfactory and Sovrompetrol proposes to make changes in this region. Before World War II this was the most flourishing oil region in the country, but now further prospecting is going on. Several drillings <sup>25X1</sup> given nothing but salt water. This makes exploration rather more costly than production.

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